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PFLUM SEEKS LOCAL VIEWS ON DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME WITH ONLINE SURVEY

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Phil Pflum (D-Milton) is urging area citizens to take part in an Internet survey regarding daylight-saving time in Indiana.

"I am currently undecided on whether or not I think daylight-saving time is a good path for Indiana to take," said Pflum. "I would like to hear what the citizens who put me in office think about the issue in order to make my final decision."

You can access the daylight-saving time survey on his Internet Web site at www.IN.gov/H56.

Legislation on daylight-saving time is one of Gov. Daniels' priorities and there is likely to be a vote on the issue before the end of this session. If passed, Indiana would join the East coast in moving time ahead one hour in the spring and falling back one hour in the fall, putting most of the state on Eastern Time for the whole year.

By pushing time ahead an hour in the spring, there will be one extra hour of daylight in the evenings as opposed to one extra hour in the mornings when people are still asleep. Falling back an hour in the fall provides one extra hour of daylight in the mornings when kids are waiting for school buses and adults are driving to work.

Gov. Daniels' reasons for wanting to enact daylight-saving time are mainly economic. By putting most of Indiana on Eastern Time for the whole year, businesses outside of the state would not be confused about what time it is here in Indiana. Counties already on Central Time, such as the Lake County Region, will stay on Central Time, and counties already on Eastern Time will likewise stay on Eastern Time.

Pflum's survey attempts to collect information from citizens about whether or not they think going to daylight-saving time is a good idea. For those who think it is a good idea, he is also interested in knowing if they prefer that the state go on Central Time or Eastern Time.